

# AMA-CHEWER

MONTHLY PAPER OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB INC.

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## A LETTER FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT

Fellow members:

It is an honor to serve as your president for the year of 1953.

With help and cooperation from YOU as a member, we will have a live and growing club.

We will have a suggestion box at club each Friday night, for happenings of the week to be published in "Amachewer". Also for suggestions on programs and anything for improving OUR club.

S Sincerely

J. C. Jones W9FZW  
President.

## COMMITTEES

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Dick Hale Chairman  
Ray Forbes  
Jerry Todd  
Alvey Pittman

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Henry Harney Chairman  
Marvin Robbins  
Alvey Pittman  
Dave Ha...

## PROGRAMS

JAN. 23rd Ernest Craven will speak on, "Radio in Forestry".

JAN. 30th To be announced.

Follow the suggestion of the President and offer suggestions for programs that you want or will put on at club. Let's go.

## 1953 CLUB OFFICERS

Pres.	John Jones, W9FZW	3339 Robson	CA 5722
V. Pres.	Ronald Williams W9JVF	145 S. Hawthorne Lane	
Secy.	Harry Butler W9OVF	1310 Laurel St.	CA 4918
Treas.	Ralph Mays N/C	7201 E. 38th St.	CH 7000
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Dir.	Alvey Pittman W9JJJC	RR #15 Box 588X	CO 8331

The above officers of the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc. were installed on the January 2nd meeting of the club and are your duly elected men who will head the club during the year 1953. You are invited to see them or offer suggestions that they may carry out that the club may grow and offer its membership more service and information. Help them to help the club. Let's all help this year to make it a banner year of the club.

## TECH NIGHT SCHOOL

Registration for this last semesters night school will be taken care at tech Jan 19, 20, and 21st. As in the past a course in Code and Radio Theory leading up to an amateur license as well as commercial will be given. Pass the word around.

## BLOOD BANK

A temporary Blood Bank of the Red Cross will be set up at the Northeast Community Center at 330<sup>4</sup> East 30th St. Wednesday and Thursday January 21st and 22nd. Wednesday hours will be from 2:00 to 8:00 PM. Thursday hours will be from 11:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. If you haven't given blood for GI's lately why not get out during this time and get up to date. If you are unable to get to the Center on these dates why not go down to the Red Cross center and give that pint of blood. It is sorely needed you know and each pint helps to keep the army, navy, marine program going. Let's bare our arms.

## THANKS

Ye ed thanks the cooperation during the past year for the help in getting out your club paper Amachewer. Some few contributions have been handed to him at club but in the main he passes his thanks to Howard Severeid, W9DPL who has, each month that the paper has been mimeographed, sent ye ed from two to six pages of typewritten matter to be used in the makeup. Without this mass of material your reading would be short and sweet but Howard has really gone all out in making sure that News gets into the paper. Many thanks Howard. Now to you, the readers, if Howard can do that well surely YOU can get one or two items for each issue. Make use of the suggestion box that our president is going to pass around each meeting and let's make it really OUR magazine.

Along with the news for the paper comes the editing, stenciling, and printing of the paper proper. Ye ed gathers the stuff together and stencils it and then calls for help in running it through the mimeograph machine. Our hats off for the printing help to our new pres. Johnny Jones who has been Johnny on the spot and to Gerald Lucas for their help in getting the pages printed, assembled, folded, stenciled, addressed, and stamps affixed, sorting for delivery and mailing. TNKS.

## CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: Frank Lester (Lafayette Radio Co.) 4-10-11 meter converter, Riders Manuals VIII & IX, NRI Radiotrician's course, quartz crystals for novice band and for 40 meters and for 75 meter phone band all in FT243 holders, Multiple filament transformers, plate transformers for 100 to 1000 watt rigs, filter chokes up to 750 milliamps, filter condensers up to 5000 volts. Driver and modulation transformers, complete power supplies mounted on chassis, twenty-five panel meters of various ranges for amateur transmitters. Novice transmitter 40-80 meters band-switching 4c5 and 807 compact & neat. complete 80 meter novice station with transmitter and receiver--cheap. Rek-O-Kut recording and playback equipment, command type transmitters for 140, 80, 40 meters brand new. Receivers for 80-40 brand new, also broadcast command receivers and 190-550 Q5er, several enclosed deluxe 19" relay rack cabinets of various sizes, new chassis, chassis angle brackets and supports, Bud and B&W plug in coils for various bands, transmitting variable condensers for flea-power to kilowatt rigs. Volt-ohm-milliammeters, hundreds of dollars of all types of new transmitting tubes, Variable transformer similar to Variac, low-band tv booster, pickup arms, sound powered handsets, microphones, Heathkit scope and Heathkit condenser checker, 2 volt Windcharger unit complete and new, PE103A dynamotor, other smaller 2 volt dynamotors, Wlmac mobile transmitter complete and brand new, plus 8,873 other small parts and units. See them at 2431 East Riverside Drive or telephone WI-2184 evenings (except Friday) and weekends.

FOR SALE, trade or swap. TV boosters used in field testing complete in FB cabinets. Contact Art Schultz, W9NNX, 908 East Michigan St. Phone CApitol 7223.

## NEW MEMBERS

The following members have been voted into membership of the Indianapolis Radio Club Inc. We take this opportunity of welcoming these members into the club and hope that they will take full part in the activities of the organization.

Leland L. Heaton WN9URD	4934 Mecca St.	Indpls.
Robert James	1117 N. Rural St.	Indpls.
Burton Siegel	3339 N. Meridian St.	Indpls.

## REPORTING

Following are items given to ye editor for publication in our paper. You can help to make this section of our paper more interesting by sending like articles to ye ed or by using the suggestion box at club to turn your contributions to this column to the proper channels.

Lo and behold, How rd Severeid, W9DPL missed a meeting this month. (That could come under the heading (Can you imagine) What ever happened to those contributors who sent in that column for a while.

W9FZW has found a new way of getting his Jr. Op. from the show, by turning on the mobile rig and calling his name. The mobile sure wrecks the audio system of a certain neighborhood show.

W9JVF is back on 10 at his new QTH east of Cumberland. (Let's get that Ant. up a little higher Ron.)

What has happened to certain 2 meter equipment around Indianapolis,

W9RBX will have a Viking II and VFO soon on most all bands. Now on 147.3 MC. FM.

If you can't eliminate the chirp on a Command transmitter after bypassing everything, changing the relay contacts so oscillator plate voltage is applied before the final cathode is keyed, try a new oscillator tube. It worked for me. Ray Forbes, W9HNS

Byron Fortner, W9FYN is now on 140 meters with a converted Command transm tter using clamp tube modulation.

Art Schultz sent in a report whereby the FCC is bearing down on TV set manufacturers for their radiation from the oscillators in those sets. Some of this gets rather raw, even to the extent of stopping reception on the Broadcast band for several houses from the offending set. It may mean that finally the TV set manufacturers may have to put some design into their sets to make it a better set as far as shielding is concerned which in turn will mean that TVI from Hams will be lessened. The ham has really done his part and it now being recognized that the set manufacturer has been lax on his part. The FCC's approach is from that of the manufacturer selling unlicensed radiating equipment.

Charles Manning sends in some dope concerning some TVI data from the Eitel McCullugh Inc. makers of Eimac tubes. Charley says that he sent in for done on "Care and feeding of tetrodes" and that Eimac included dope on TVI as well. In their letter to him they advised him that it would be appreciated if he would pass the word along that the material is available on request. The address is San Bruno, California.

Manning furthur asks Bill Lueth whether or not he has the rig that Jim Daily had, He wants it for sentimental reasons and says that he really misses Jim. Also he asks who the ham is at 9100 E. Wash. St. he sys he blows CQ on 'is air horns but gets no response.

Bob Annis, XW9CUD had a big write up in the Sunday section of the Indianapolis Star Jan. the 18th.

A local Novice operator Bud McGee, WN9QSL was recently elected to the presidency of Indianapolis Packard Co. Inc. Congratulations, Bud.

Don Hammer, WN9RBN of Speedway says he can't find time for furthur ham operations at the presctn time so is letting his novice call expire in January.

Ed Arbuckle, W9IEZ of Brownsburg who was employed at Naval Ordnance now is associated with DAGE products company in Beech Grove and says he likes his new setup very well. Ed is interested in 2 meter work.

Dave Hale, W9RBZ now has a general class license instead of the novice type and hopes to be able to have a new Viking II transmitter before too long. Dave was one of the boys in the three-way tie for attendance honors at 1952 meetings of the Indianapolis Radio Club.

W9DPL, Howard Severeid reports not much unusual in operating activities at his place, and says he put in 5 venetian shades and a nice new linoleum floor in his radio room.

The state legislature is again now in session and any of you fellows who have been wishing for a bill to allow licensed hams to get their call-signs on their license plates will be interested to know that such plans are being formed again. Come on out to club meetings and contact club director Alvey Pittman, W9JJJC for full details, and learn how you too, may possibly help put this measure across when and if help is needed.

A local Indianapolis ham operator who had been driving a taxi part-time to augment his regular income was recently hauled into court on charges of speeding and given a fine. He then told the Judge "I intend to swear off driving a cab. It's too upsetting to me.". (Yed remembers the cause as failure to stop at a stop sign, but that is the quote the newspaper's credited him with.)

If you hear W8LNH of Grand Rapids, Michigan on the 75 meter phone band, give him a call, for it will be none other than Louie Bergenroth (ex W9KQV) formerly of WFBM-TV here) who is at the mike there.

George Jeffrey who lives at 52nd and Kenwood recently graduated from the Novice to general class and is interested in six-meter work. His call is W9OXH.

Dale Heman of 1824 Warman (AT-7537) recently got a novice class license (call letters not reported to editor) and is on the air on 80 meter cw with a low powered transmitter and uses a command type receiver loaned to him by W9WWT.

W9EVR, Cosmo Sivolella of Speedway has accepted employment in radio communications (point to point station work) with R.C.A. and will be leaving for the San Francisco, California area soon. Cosmo has had experience in Coast Guard radio, Indiana State Police Radio and also broadcast work, and recently has been with Esterline-Angus Co.

One local ham operator and technician has a contract with the owners and builders of the new Esses House apartments in Indianapolis for the installation of a master TV antenna system on the building. Service is piped into the various apartments. The renters will pay a flat fee per month for the TV antenna use, and the building owners collect for this ham and he maintains the system. A ten year contract being signed for a working agreement. (That is an answer for keeping the roofs clear of TV antennas in various states of repair.)

W9HIT, Vaden Brizendine is finally getting settled in the new house he built at Mooresville and commutes daily to our city where he still does radio and TV service work for the Rose Tire Company. Braden's new address is at 117 East Hadley Street in Mooresville.

W9Iee, Hugh Morris isn't active on the air just now but is thinking of starting up using radio teletype and wants to hear from any of the local crowd who are interested in this mode of transmission.

WN9SVC, Harold Plummer (Route 9 Box 277 Indpls) recently dropped the "N" for novice from his call and is getting ready to do some voice operating after February 20th when the new regulations go into effect.

Sam Taggart, W9NH has been doing his customary DX work on 160 meter cw having worked several European stations and having been heard in New

Zeland several times this season again.

Byron Fortner, W9FYM (Chief Operator of the club for 1953) is now in addition to being on other bands, operating a command type transmitter with clamp-tube modulation on 140 meter phone.

W8ZTI, Richard Browning formerly of Iron Mountain, Michigan is now in our town working at Naval Ordnance and living in the Windsor Village area, hopes to be on the air from there very shortly. Come on out to radio club meetings fellas, and get acquainted with our gang.

Ama-Chewer printed a request that discarded toys be brought to our meeting place, the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Armory, before Christmas for repair and distribution to needy children. The Marine Corps boys out there report that the whole program was overwhelmingly successful, many thousands of toys being brought in from various clubs and agencies and individuals.

WNOVVX, Jack Hofeld of 3636 East 34th St hopes to get on the 80 meter Novice band in the near future. Jack is associated with Allied Radio Co. of Chicago, in this area, so if any of you fellows need personal service from the Allied Radio organization, contact him by phoning CH-1360.

WN9URD is the call issued to Lee Heaton who lives at 4934 Mecca St. Phone number BE-1317, he works for C\*D here in town.

George Phillips, W9EMK hasn't been active lately but intends to get on ten meter phone from his station again soon.

Grant Newton, W9HWH is busy working at RCA at Camden, New Jersey and taking a Philadelphia University course in Electrical Engineering but he manages to get on the air occasionally on cw from his home at 217 Cooper St., Camden, New Jersey and is always looking for Indians QSO's.

WN9VMW is Clarence Ginn of Indians, address and phone number as yet unknown, if he will report in we can send Ama-Chewer to him and hope he comes on out to club meeting often.

Recent society columns of the papers devoted space to the marriage in Miami Shores, Florida on December 23rd of Miss Ruth Lafferty and Jim Hirschman, W9URD of 4141 42nd St. Indianapolis.

A recent newspaper article with picture showed a U. S. Naval Reserve Armory transmitter being tuned up by John Baniszewi of 431 N. Dearborn but forgot to mention John's call. (How about a fill, it escapes us just now.)

The radio club is again this year having an attendance contest. The member who attends the most meetings for this year being awarded a year's free membership in 1954. This past year, or for 1952 attendance there was a three-way tie, with three winners.

This year the club is also sponsoring a contest in membership drive for members. The member procuring the most new members will at the end of the year be awarded two dollars cash credit at a local amateur wholesale supply house for EACH member enrolled. Let's all get into this and watch the club grow.

Glenn Barr is interested in more of a showing for his drill periods for Civilian Defense. Contact him or get in on the drill periods and get some action stirred up.

## BUILDING PLEDGES

As reported last issue of Ama-Chewer we now have close to \$1,000 of pledges for a building fund of the club. If you have held back on your pledge why not dig up that white sheet and send it to the new club secretary, Harry Butler, 1310 Laurel St. A committee is to be named to contact more members and non-members to see if more monies might be raised toward his project. Let's keep this active and see what 1953 will turn up. It will take some work of our to really turn up anything at all. Are you one of the workers?

The following is a suggestion turned in by our star re orter some time ago. Are you alert for such a place?

It has been suggested that we fellows keep our eyes and ears open for news of some building, either commercial or residence type, just within or on the outside fringe of the mile square area, for purchase by the club, for permanent home quarters. It could be some old residence for example, where we have four walls and a roof, plumbing and wiring and we could possibly take over, knock out partitions, repaint and redesign as we see fit. Over a period of time and until it becomes exactly what we need and want. So, if you see or hear of such an opportunity get what details you can, and forward them to Alvey Pittman, W9JJC who heads up the building committee, or give the info to any of our club officials listed elsewhere in this issue and it is promised that it shall be investigated thoroughly.

Now the above is one way that we can get our own club rooms. Several in their pledges have said the amount would depend on the type of building and the location of same. Now it is impossible to please every one with the type and location of our own building but does it really matter whether or not it is even new, whether or not it is downtown or at the edge of the city. The really important thing is that we own it and thus have full say in its operation. That pride of ownership can go a long ways towards, if nothing more, making a small beginning a more important step toward a bigger and maybe newer final step. Come on now let's bear down and really get hot on this thing.

## NOVICES

This is directed towards you, the newer Novice operators. Let's see if several of you can't write up and submit to Ye Ed, Bob Caskey, or to any club official, a 100 word letter on what getting on the air on the Novice band has meant to you, or what your greatest thrill has been. Or why not tell what you'd like to see planned by the club for the benefit of Novices in general. You are always welcome to come to club meetings, no pressure is applied to ask you to join (although if you like our company we would welcome you as a member) but members will always be glad to give you, the beginner, a helping hand with problems you come up against. At meetings you will be associating with fellows who have your new-found hobby at heart and are glad to put out a helping hand to its newer members of this hobby. Gaffests at club have resulted in operators getting their hands on the exact unit of equipment that they have been searching for, in finding others who are close to your home address so that you can visit them. Let's hear from you, see you at meetings and let us help you in any way that we can. Get your letters in or speak up at club when the opportunity is given.

LET'S MAKE 1953 THE BIGGEST BEST YEAR YET IN THE HISTORY OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB INC. YOU ARE THE ONE TO MAKE IT SO.

## MAILING LIST

A few address changes still continue to come in as a result of the questionnaire in the last three issues of Ama-Chewer. Fully one fifth of those sending in their sheets had changes in address, spelling, or calls. It is a sad commentary therefore when it is necessary to send out three requests for information that you might continue to receive the club paper. In fact, the complete lack of enthusiasm of those getting the paper makes one wonder if it is worth his time to type it up and run it off the press. When the latest questionnaire returns are checked and the file brought up to date one will make a report to the new board of directors and ask if they think the club should continue to get out a paper in light of the response shown by its membership and its non-members that receive the paper. In the meantime, if your address, name, spelling, call, ARRL membership haven't been confirmed why see to it that it is done so that it will be known that the address that the paper is sent is your correct address and that the paper is being received.

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